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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BOOTH ET AL.

Examiner

German Colón

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 and 14-25 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 June 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The Amendment, filed on June 09, 2005, has been entered and acknowledged by the Examiner.

Claim Objections

2. The term "significant portion" in claim 11 is a relative term which may render the claim indefinite. One of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kim (GB 2 311 873).

Kim discloses a film layer (see Figs. 2A-2B) comprising:

a holographic film 8; said holographic film having a front and back side (the back side facing structure 6); the front side of the holographic film having adjacent structures 14 formed therein to trap a significant portion of incident light therebetween.

The recitation "for a display" in the preamble of the claim has not been given patentable weight because is considered an intended used recitation. It has been held that a recitation with

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respect to the manner in which a claimed apparatus is intended to be employed does not differentiate the claimed apparatus from a prior art apparatus satisfying the claimed *structural* limitations.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim (GB 2 311 873) in view of Magocs et al. (US 5,668,662).

Regarding claim 12, Kim discloses the claimed invention (see rejection of claim 11), except for the limitation of the film including a cover plate.

However, Magocs discloses a film having a cover plate with the purpose of preventing delamination of the film components caused by humidity (see Col. 5, lines 25-27). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a cover plate in order to protect the film of Kim from the environment.

The Examiner notes that the adjacent structures of Kim absorb any light incident on said adjacent structures from a front side (observer's side). Accordingly, the film of Kim-Magocs absorbs light reflected backwards by the inside face of the cover plate.

Referring to claim 13, Kim-Magocs discloses the film layer including a back plane (see GB '873, ref 6) and a cover plate (see US '662, ref 17).

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 1-10 and 14-25 are allowed.

8. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claims 1-10 and 20-25, the claims are allowable for the reasons given in the Office Action mailed 3/08/2005.

Regarding claims 14-19, the claims are allowable for the reasons given in the Office Action mailed 3/23/2004.

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

10. Claims 12-13 are rejected in view of a newly discovered Prior Art. Accordingly, the previous indication of allowable subject matter is withdrawn.

Prior Art of Record

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

US 6,002,500 and US 5,877,893 disclose a holographic film with light trapping structures.

US 6,151,163 discloses a holographic screen with a cover.

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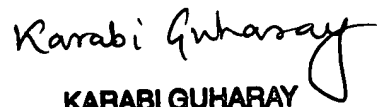
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel can be reached on 571-272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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